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Training of Signal Corps Officers/Textbooks and Reading Materials Used/Activities of the Communist Youth Organization, DISZ.

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1. Since 1954 signal unit officers in Hungary have been trained in three-year courses. Before 1954 the training lasted only for one year and was completed within the units they were sent to. This short training time made possible only practical training, whereas now theoretical knowledge is stressed more and more. The schools for officers and NCO's are now equipped with very modern workshops. Thus the trainees do not only learn how to use their equipment, but also how to repair it.
2. The following titles of books and instructions are used in Hungarian signal schools:
 - a. "Harcászati Könyv" a thick book about 900 pages, containing all possible instructions concerning infantry tactics.
 - b. "Alaki Kikebzesi Könyv" a compilation containing all details about organization of infantry and instruction for drill.
 - c. "Szolgálati Szabályzat" a compilation - three volumes - on:
 - Volume I - General rules for military service.
 - Volume II - Rules for Guard duties.
 - Volume III - Principles of military discipline.
 These volumes are obligatory for the whole army, no matter which branch.
 - d. "Tereptan" instructions on topography
 - e. "Vegyi Vedelem" instructions on precautions to take in case of a gas-war; obligatory reading for the whole army.
 - f. "Műszaki Kikepzés" engineering and pioneer instructions for infantry. This book is by a Soviet author.
 - g. "Lőtázas" instructions about infantry arms and shooting.

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h. "Politikai Kiképzés"

pamphlets which are distributed every week among cadet officers and officers in the course of political training. This pamphlet is only one among many others used for Communist indoctrination.

Besides these compilations which are of a rather general kind, there are a number of other works, used especially by the signal units:

i. "Hirado Horcaszat"

general instructions on the service of signal units, containing technical descriptions of various signal implements and installations, also on principles of military signal duties.

j. "Horcaszati Elvek"

an extensive compilation in eight parts containing the principles of the signal service during war. It consists of contributions by many authors also some Soviet ones, and it is considered a kind of bible for members of the signal units. Since it has a blue cover it is called the "Blue Book" in Hungarian army jargon.

k. "Elektrotechnika"

contributions by four authors, all of them professors of Hungarian technical universities.

l. "Radiotechnika"

translation of a Soviet compilation by Iziumov.

m. "Hangolvasas"

Textbook on the Morse alphabet and its use.

n. "Keszulek Ismeret"

Main technical textbook, containing detailed descriptions of various types of signal implements, used in the Hungarian army. This book also contains a complete bibliography listing books giving more detailed descriptions of various implements and their parts.

3. These fourteen books represent the basic literature used in the training of signal officers. But there are additional books which are used for example during training in the school's mechanical workshops or for instruction in not typical equipment, (i.e. large telephone centers, large radio equipment, used exclusively by higher ranking army commands). The same is valid for the radar-training of officers.

4. Like other army branches, in the signal officers' school many hours per week are devoted to political training. At present it amounts to six hours per week, two of which are taken up by special seminars on Communist dialectic and Communist Party History. The four other hours are spent on more current questions.

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5. Aside from the pamphlets mentioned above, the daily army-newspaper, "Nephadsereg", has been distributed among the cadet officers which has a special large weekly supplement. Also the Signal Army Corps weekly newspaper, "Hirado Ujsag", is distributed throughout the schools.
6. Another kind of indoctrination used by the army propaganda is the medium of radio. In each military barracks or military school compound, a radio central has been set up; receivers installed not only in the corridors and courtyards, but also in the dormitories. All during the so-called spare-time periods, special broadcasts blare out mostly propaganda all over the place.
7. The Communist youth organization, DISZ, is very active in all officers' schools. Although membership is on a voluntary basis, it is very advisable for every cadet officer to take part in the activities of the organization for the sake of his career. There are cases where youth cadet officers are sent for short courses held in the special three-year course military political officers school in Kispest. After returning from these courses they are used as instructors within DISZ and as auxiliary lecturers for political training.
8. Independent from the DISZ organizations, the Communist Party has cells in all Hungarian army units. The members of the Communist Party belong to these cells during the time of their military service. These cells are under the control of the Party, and they are considered a kind of special division.

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